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SUMMARY: DURING CALL BY CONSUL GENERAL ON NEW IZMIR GOVERNOR, ARMS EMBARGO, AUGUST 6 BX INCIDENT AND TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS WERE DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

1. IN COMBINED INITIAL/FARE-

WELL CALL ON NEW GOVERNOR OF IZMIR, MUSTAFA UYGUR, I CONVEYED MY AND AMBASSADOR'S THANKS FOR EFFECTIVE MANNER IN WHICH POLICE HANDLED YESTERDAY'S INVASION OF BX BY 26

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TURKISH YOUTHS. GOVERNOR NOTED THIS WAS MERELY DOING DUTY ON HIS PART AND ADDED THAT THESE FEW TROUBLEMAKERS WERE NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF VAST MAJORITY TURKISH PUBLIC. HE SAID SOME OF YOUTHS WERE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AIDED BY "VAGABONDS." IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL RPP OFFICIALS WENT OUT OF WAY TO ASSURE CONGEN FSL THAT NONE RPT NONE OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE RPP MEMBERS AND THAT RPP DID NOT CONDONE SUCH ACTIONS. MEANWHILE, POLICE GUARD ON CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICE AND MY RESIDENCE HAS BEEN DOUBLED.

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2. REMARKING ON ARMS EMBARGO, GOVERNOR UYGUR SAID THAT THERE

WERE NO PROBLEMS BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES OR THEIR TWO PEOPLES BUT ONLY BETWEEN TURKEY AND THOSE MEMBERS OF US CONGRESS WHO WERE PROPONENTS OF EMBARGO.

3. GOVERNOR EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT RECEIVING ME AND BRUSHED ASIDE MY EFFORT TO LEAVE AFTER SHORT TIME. GOVERNOR SAID: "I WANT YOU TO KNOW I WILL ALWAYS HAVE TIME TO SEE REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR COUNTRY."

4. GOVERNOR ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY PROSPECT PRESIDENT WOULD CALL SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS THIS MONTH IN ORDER TRY AGAIN GET ARMS EMBARGO LIFTED. I SAID I THOUGHT THIS DOUBTFUL

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BECAUSE SUMMER RECESS IS ALWAYS TIME FOR CONGRESSMEN TO MEND FENCES AND TAKE THE POLITICAL PULSE IN THEIR CONSTITUENCIES. THEREFORE, PRESIDENT PROBABLY DISINCLINED RECONVENE CONGRESS EVEN THOUGH EMBARGO PROBLEM VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT WISH IRRITATE THOSE CONGRESSMEN WHO FELT STRONG NEED TO SPEND THIS MONTH IN THEIR OWN CONSTITUENCIES. 5. AS I WAS LEAVING, GOVERNOR SAID SOMEWHAT RUEFULLY THAT IF HE WAS GIVEN JUST ONE WISH IT WOULD BE THAT CONGRESS WOULD COME TO A QUICK UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ROAD FROM WASHINGTON TO ANKARA DID NOT RPT NOT LEAD THROUGH ATHENS.
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